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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 47

Introduced by Assembly Member Simitian

December 2, 2002

An act to add Section 4551.9 to the Public Resources Code, relating to forest practices.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 47, as amended, Simitian. Timber harvesting plans: regulations: information.

Existing law, the Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973, prohibits a person from conducting timber operations, as defined, until the person files a timber harvesting plan with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, in accordance with specified requirements.

The act requires that a timber harvesting plan be a public record and include specified information relating to the conduct of timber operations.

The act also requires the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to adopt various rules and regulations related to forest practices.

This bill would require the board, on or before January 1, 2005, to adopt regulations requiring a timber harvesting plan to include specified information.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 4551.9 is added to the Public Resources
2 Code, to read:

3 4551.9. On or before January 1, 2005, the board shall adopt
4 regulations to require that a timber harvesting plan include the
5 following information:

6 (a) Information on riparian forest conditions in the timber
7 harvesting plan area, ~~including measures that may be feasible to~~
8 ~~mitigate impacts that will assist the department and the public in~~
9 ~~developing or recommending appropriate mitigation of past and~~
10 ~~present timber harvest and improve harvests and improvements to~~
11 habitat conditions for native aquatic species.

12 (b) Maps depicting the location and boundaries of past, present,
13 ~~or~~ and reasonably foreseeable probable future projects, as defined
14 in Section 21065 and Section 895.1 of Title 14 of the California
15 Code of Regulations, on land owned or controlled by the applicant
16 in the planning watershed. An applicant is not required to furnish
17 maps of projects completed more than 10 years prior to the
18 submission of the timber harvesting plan. Maps shall include
19 silvicultural prescription, but are not required to provide specific
20 information on stand volume or species composition. The scale of
21 maps provided pursuant to this subdivision shall be at least one
22 inch to 2,000 feet.

23 (c) Maps depicting pesticide applications that have been
24 reported to the applicable county agricultural commissioner or
25 Director of Pesticide Regulation within the planning watershed in
26 which the timber harvesting plan is located.

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